

# **Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support**

Your guide **2018 - 19**

# Council Tax explained

Council tax helps to pay towards local services provided by Gateshead as well as policing and emergency services.

How much council tax you pay depends on your property's 'valuation band'. These bands are set by the Valuation Office Agency based on how much the property was worth on 1st April 1991 - not its current value.

## Appeals

For further information, or if you think your banding may be wrong, please contact: The Valuation Office Agency.

 [www.gov.uk/voa/contact](http://www.gov.uk/voa/contact)

Valuation Band	Property Price Range	Propn of Band D Level	Gateshead Council	Police & Crime Commissioner for Northumbria	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority	Total Council Tax (Excl. Parishes)	Lamesley Parish Council	Total Council Tax Lamesley
			£	£	£	£	£	£
A	UP TO £40,000	0.6667	1,124.42	73.55	53.29	1,251.26	5.95	1,257.21
B	£40,001 - £52,000	0.7778	1,311.82	85.81	62.18	1,459.81	6.94	1,466.75
C	£52,001 - £68,000	0.8889	1,499.23	98.07	71.06	1,668.36	7.93	1,676.29
D	£68,001 - £88,000	1.0000	1,686.63	110.33	79.94	1,876.90	8.92	1,885.82
E	£88,001 - £120,000	1.2222	2,061.44	134.85	97.71	2,294.00	10.91	2,304.91
F	£120,001 - £160,000	1.4444	2,436.24	159.37	115.47	2,711.08	12.89	2,723.97
G	£160,001 - £320,000	1.6667	2,811.05	183.88	133.23	3,128.16	14.87	3,143.03
H	OVER £320,000	2.0000	3,373.26	220.66	159.88	3,753.80	17.84	3,771.64

## Moving Address

Use our secure online service to tell us when you move so we can send you a refund or a final bill.

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax)

# Who pays Council Tax?

In most cases the person responsible for paying the council tax will live in the property and will be the person with the highest legal interest in the property, i.e. the resident owner or resident tenant. If there is no resident living in the property then the owner will be responsible.

For some properties, the owner is responsible for paying the council tax and not the person who is resident. The properties where this applies are:

- Residential care homes
- Properties occupied by resident domestic staff only
- Religious communities
- Houses in multiple occupation
- Properties occupied by a minister of religion
- Dwellings provided to asylum seekers

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 **0191 433 3600**

# How to pay

## Direct Debit - the simplest and most secure way to pay

Simply select your preferred payment date from the 1st, 10th, 20th or 25th - and it will be taken from your bank account each month.

We also offer weekly, fortnightly or four weekly payment frequencies; these can be collected on a Monday or Friday.

Go online for further details and to set up your direct debit:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax)  
 **0191 433 3600**

## Online

Paying online is easy and secure. We accept all major debit and credit cards.

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax)

## Standing Order, BACS, Online Banking or other electronic payments

The council has changed bank accounts therefore you must ensure that you quote our new banking details when making a payment by the above methods, this will ensure that we can allocate your payment to your account without a reminder for non-payment being issued:

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Gateshead Council - Council Tax Account</b>
<b>Bank Name / Address</b>	<b>Barclays Bank, Percy Street, Newcastle, NE1 4QL</b>
<b>New Sort Code:</b>	<b>20-59-42</b>
<b>New Bank Account:</b>	<b>83543617</b>

## Telephone

Call our 24-hour service. We accept all major debit and credit cards.

 **0800 052 3455**

For security purposes our staff are unable take payments for council tax over the telephone, please use the 24-hour payment line to make a payment by telephone. Other payment methods are shown on the reverse of your bill.

# Discounts and Exemptions

This information is for guidance only. If you think you are eligible for a discount or exemption and you would like further information please visit our website or contact us for more information and to make an application. [www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax)

If you live on your own you may be entitled to a 25% reduction. Certain people aren't counted when working out the number of adults who live in the property, and you may get a reduction if someone who lives with you is a:

- full-time student, student nurse or non-British spouse of a student
- severely mentally impaired
- young person for whom child benefit is paid and 18/19 year olds who leave school between 1 May and 31 October in any year
- person on an apprentice scheme earning less than £195 per week
- YTS trainee aged under 25 on an approved training scheme
- care worker living in premises provided by their employer earning less than £44 per week
- live in carer looking after someone who isn't their spouse, partner or child
- person living in a hostel for the homeless or a night shelter
- member of the visiting forces or their dependants
- diplomat or members and dependants of a member of International Headquarters and defence organisations, or a person with diplomatic privileges
- member of a religious community who has no income
- person who is in prison or detention
- person who lives permanently in a nursing or care home
- care leavers between the ages of 18 and 21 years old

The council has the power to reduce council tax where national discounts and exemptions do not apply. Each case will be judged on its merits, and we will only consider using this power in exceptional circumstances.

## Disabled reduction

A disabled reduction can be awarded if a disabled resident requires an extra room (which could include a bathroom or kitchen) or floor space for a wheelchair to meet the needs of the disability.

## Exempt Properties

Some occupied and unoccupied properties can be exempt from council tax. Exemptions include empty properties owned by charities, or where the person responsible is in prison, hospital or receiving care elsewhere, where the person responsible is a trustee in bankruptcy or where occupation is prohibited by law. Other unoccupied property exemptions can be granted where a property is unfurnished: where the property has been left empty by a deceased person, an empty pitch or mooring and an unoccupied annexe to an unoccupied dwelling.

## Unoccupied and unfurnished properties

An initial 100% discount can be awarded for up to 1 month after which full council tax will be charged.

Any reduction is property related - a change in owner will not result in any new period of discount entitlement if it has been applied previously.

## Long Term Empty Property Premium

Once an empty (unoccupied and unfurnished) property has been empty for over 2 years a Long Term Empty Property Premium of 50% will be charged. The amount of council tax payable for properties which have been empty for longer than 2 years will therefore be 150%.

Properties that have been empty and unfurnished because the liable person is living elsewhere in accommodation provided by Ministry of Defence (service personnel posted away from home) are exempt from this premium as are annexes to another main property (if it is being used as part of the main home).

## Discount for annexes

A 50% discount for an annexe can be granted where it is being used by a relative of a family member in the main dwelling or being used by the occupants in the main dwelling as part of their sole or main residence.

Full details of all council tax exemptions are available on our website at

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/counciltax)

## Important Information

If you currently receive a discount or exemption and your circumstances change you must tell us within 21 days of the change occurring.

# I am finding it hard to pay my Council Tax - What should I do?

If you are finding it hard to pay you should contact us as soon as possible. By speaking to us you will be able to tell us about things and we may be able to help you by

- Making sure you are getting reductions that may be due to you
- Picking a way to pay that is the best for you
- Picking a payment date that is best for you
- Making a new payment arrangement you can afford so you know what to pay and when, this might include arrears if you still have something to pay from a previous year
- Putting you in touch with a Debt Advisor if you need more help. Our Debt Advice Team is based in the Civic Centre and the service is free to anyone living in Gateshead Council

## Other help

### **Reduction for other adults in the household who have a low income**

If you don't get a single person discount because you have other adults in your home, you may qualify for an alternative reduction under the Local Council Tax Support scheme if the other adults are on a low income and you are of pension age. For working age people, an alternative reduction can only apply to some student households who have another adult in the property who is not a student but is on a low income.

## Adult Social Care

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.) The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this "precept" at an appropriate level in each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019-20.

# Local Council Tax Support

The council has an annual local council tax support scheme to give people on low incomes a reduction in the amount of council tax they have to pay. Anyone of working age can receive help of up to 91.5% towards their bill. In line with government regulations, pensioners can receive help of up to 100% towards their council tax bill.

## Who can apply for Local Council Tax Support?

Anyone aged 18 or over on a low income who pays council tax can apply, including people who are working, self-employed, unemployed or retired. If you receive certain benefits, you will automatically be entitled to the maximum council tax support of 91.5% (working age), or 100% (pension age) of your liability, less any deductions for other adults who live with you.

These benefits include:

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Guarantee pension credit
- Universal Credit but only if your income is lower than your Universal Credit maximum award.

That still means you will have to pay at least 8.5% of your bill if you are of working age. No help will be payable where the weekly amount would be less than £1. Full details of the scheme that applies from 1 April can be found on our website.

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits)

## How Local Council Tax Support is paid

Local council tax support is paid by a reduction being applied to your council tax bill.

### Apply online:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefitscalculator](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefitscalculator)

If you need some help online, you can visit our self-service online area on the Ground Floor of the civic centre, where staff are available to help you.



## The date we pay Local Council Tax Support from

We can usually only award local council tax support from the Monday after we get your application.

## What happens if other adults live in the house?

The amount of local council tax support may be reduced if other people live with you who are not dependent on you. This includes grown up children, friends and relatives.

## Changes of circumstance

When you are receiving local council tax support, it is your responsibility to tell the council's benefit section about any changes that may affect the help you get. You could be committing fraud if you don't. You can report a change of circumstances using our online form at

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits)

## Discretionary assistance

If you are experiencing exceptional circumstances, you can apply for discretionary help towards paying your council tax from a cash limited scheme. Each application is considered on its merits and awards may vary in amount and length. You must have made an application for local council tax support.

# Other types of help

## Housing Benefit

The council can give you help towards your rent unless (with some exceptions) you are in receipt of universal credit.

## Who can apply for Housing Benefit?

Anyone of pension age on a low income who pays rent can apply. If you are of working age and receive universal credit in most cases this will include help towards your housing costs, so you cannot also receive housing benefit. If you are of working age and are not entitled to Universal Credit (usually if you have more than 2 children, live in accommodation where you are provided with support, and from April 2018 live in some temporary accommodation) you may be able to get Housing Benefit.

## How is Housing Benefit worked out?

The rules about this are set by the government. For council tenants, housing association tenants and some private tenants Housing Benefit is based on the rent you are charged, less things like fuel, lighting, cooking, meals, cleaning, hot water, water rates, counselling or care service charges.

It may also be reduced in some other cases, where, for example, the accommodation is larger than you need, or more expensive than usual. Housing benefit is paid directly to your rent account if you are a tenant of The Gateshead Housing Company.

## Private tenants

Most private tenants are given local housing allowance. This is a flat rate amount based on the make up of your household and the number of bedrooms you are entitled to for your family size. The council's website has details of the bedroom rate and how this is worked out.

If you are a private tenant, housing benefit is usually paid to you. In some cases it can be paid directly to your landlord if you are eight weeks or more in arrears with your rent, you have trouble managing your affairs, or your landlord has agreed to reduce your rent so you can keep or take a tenancy.

If you are a tenant of a registered social landlord (housing association) you can choose whether to have benefit paid to you or directly to your landlord.

Housing benefit is worked out based on your income, capital and family circumstances. If you have savings or capital over £16,000 you will not normally get benefit, unless you have guarantee pension credit.

If you are in receipt of certain other benefits, you may automatically be entitled to housing benefit.

These include income support, income based jobseekers allowance (but please see the section on universal credit); income related employment and support allowance and guarantee pension credit.

## Apply online:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefitscalculator](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefitscalculator)

## Changes of circumstance

When you are receiving housing benefit it is your responsibility to tell the benefit section about any changes that may affect your entitlement. You could be committing fraud if you don't.

### You can report a change online:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefit](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefit)

## Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs)

In exceptional circumstances we may be able to offer extra help through a discretionary cash limited fund. You must already receive housing benefit or the Housing Costs element of universal credit, but need extra help with your housing costs. Each application will be considered on its merits in deciding the period of time that an award of DHP is made for, and the amount.

### Apply online:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits)

 **0191 433 3703 or 0191 433 3661**

## Free school meals and travel

Help is also available towards the cost of school meals and home to school transport. Please visit our website or contact us for more information about this.

Go online to download an application:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits)

**or to apply for Free School Meals by telephone ring**

 **0191 433 3729**

## Local Welfare Assistance

Crisis support - an award can be made to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria in the councils scheme, as a general principle this will be help for food and utilities for households who find themselves in a crisis situation.

### Apply online:

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits)

 **0191 433 3676 or 0191 433 3876**

# Changes to benefits

Information about changes to benefits will be kept up to date on our website.

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits)

## Universal Credit

The government has introduced universal credit in most parts of Gateshead for those of working age to replace certain benefits, such as working tax credit, job seekers allowance, income support and housing benefit.

It will be worked out based on a claimant's income, capital and household circumstances. It will include help towards housing costs and will be paid to the claimant.

Universal credit is generally paid monthly and is one amount to cover daily living needs and any help towards housing costs. It is not usually paid until at least one month after applying. It will generally be up to you to budget how you use your universal credit payment.

If you already receive benefits, you will be told when universal credit will affect you.

## For further information and to apply visit:

 [www.gov.uk/universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit)

If you need help to apply because of physical or mental health reasons, or lack of computer skills, and where there is no one else who can help you, the council offers a face to face service at the civic centre by appointment only.

 **0191 433 4646.**

For details of where you can access a computer or wifi in Gateshead visit

 [www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits/Universal-Credit](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/benefits/Universal-Credit)

If you are experiencing problems with your finances or are worried about getting into debt since claiming Universal Credit, the council can provide you with personal budgeting support. This can be arranged through your work coach at the jobcentre or by calling

 **0191 433 3876 or 0191 433 3899**

If you are a council tenant, there is additional help and support to claim Universal Credit and with managing your finances at the second floor of the civic centre Mon-Thurs 8.45am - 4.30 pm and Fri 8.45am - 4.30pm.

## Preventing fraud

The council carries out a detailed range of checks to prevent fraud. Action is taken against people who commit fraud, including prosecution, by the single fraud investigation service which is run by the department for work and pensions (DWP).

### Fraud hotline

If you suspect anyone of committing benefit fraud, contact the DWP Fraud Hotline:

 **0800 854 440 (textphone 0800 320 0512)**

 **[www.gov.uk/report-benefit-fraud](http://www.gov.uk/report-benefit-fraud)**

**In writing - NBFH, PO Box 224, Preston, PR1 1GP**

# Debt advice and other help

The council has a number of teams which offer support and advice to residents of Gateshead. They may be able to help you if you are struggling because you are having financial difficulties:

## The Housing Options and Supported Housing Team

Advice with housing, homelessness/risk of homelessness, options which may be available to help you to stay in your home.

Help if you are finding it difficult to move forward in your life and/or manage your money because of issues such as emotional or physical health worries, being in an abusive relationship, addiction to alcohol or drugs, feeling on your own or having a lack of confidence.

The team will consider the reasons why you are struggling and help to set up a personalised support plan to help you move forward.

## The Debt Advice Team

Aims to resolve personal financial difficulties by assessing your income and expenditure. It provides budgeting advice and also contacts creditors where necessary to set up achievable repayment agreements.

 [Housingadvice@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:Housingadvice@gateshead.gov.uk)

 **0191 433 6165**

# Useful Contact Details

The Gateshead Housing Company - rent advice

 **0191 433 6150**




 [rent@gatesheadhousing.co.uk](mailto:rent@gatesheadhousing.co.uk)

Housing Standards

 **0191 433 3000**

 [privatesectorhousingcivic@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:privatesectorhousingcivic@gateshead.gov.uk)

Age UK Gateshead

-  **0191 477 3559 for general enquiries**
-  **0191 490 0221 for info and advice**
-  **infoandadvice@ageukgateshead.org.uk**








Jobcentre Plus

-  **[www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentreplus/new-benefit-claims](http://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentreplus/new-benefit-claims)**

Universal Credit

-  **[www.gov.uk/universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit)**
-  **Helpline 0800 328 9344**

Pension, Disability and Carers Benefits

-  **[www.gov.uk/disability-benefits-helpline](http://www.gov.uk/disability-benefits-helpline)**
-  **0800 121 4600 for DLA and Attendance Allowance**
-  **0800 121 4433 for Personal Independence Payments**
-  **[www.gov.uk/carers-allowance-unit](http://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance-unit)**
-  **0345 608 4321**
-  **[www.gov.uk/contact-pension-service](http://www.gov.uk/contact-pension-service)**
-  **0800 731 7898 (make a claim)**

Shelter - housing debt or welfare advice

-  **0808 800 4444**
-  **[www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk)**

Tax Credits

-  **0345 300 3900**
-  **[www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) (search for tax credits)**

Gateshead Advice Centre

-  **0344 245 1288**
-  **[www.citizensadvice.gateshead.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.gateshead.org.uk)**

Sight Service Gateshead

-  **0191 478 5959**
-  **[www.sightservice.co.uk](http://www.sightservice.co.uk)**
-  **contactus@sightservice.co.uk**

# Table 1: Gateshead Council

2017/2018				2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000	Service	Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
<b>Care, Wellbeing and Learning</b>						
82,427	(82,427)	0	Schools	78,327	(78,327)	0
23,952	(1,371)	22,581	Social Work - Children & Families	24,242	(1,871)	22,371
26,253	(20,563)	5,690	Early Help & Education	26,287	(20,257)	6,030
7,910	(369)	7,541	Commissioning & Quality Assurance	7,779	(406)	7,373
26,137	(24,715)	1,422	Learning & Schools	25,798	(24,437)	1,361
88,348	(27,288)	61,060	Adult Social Care	88,119	(27,786)	60,333
16,967	(15)	16,952	Public Health	16,119	(15)	16,104
<b>Communities and Environment</b>						
1,596	(1,197)	399	Housing General Fund	1,603	(1,111)	492
80,815	(80,815)	0	Housing Revenue Account	82,972	(82,972)	0
8,993	(5,246)	3,747	Development, Transport & Public Protection	8,969	(5,398)	3,571
129	(1,197)	(1,068)	Council Housing, Design & Technical Services	464	(1,464)	(1,000)
6,766	(2,094)	4,672	Commissioning & Neighbourhoods	7,048	(2,061)	4,987
19,054	(5,886)	13,168	Street Scene	19,447	(6,169)	13,278
3,549	(2,556)	993	Economic Development	3,300	(2,450)	850
<b>Office of the Chief Executive</b>						
1,683	(4)	1,679	Policy, Performance & Communications	1,639	(4)	1,635
<b>Corporate Services and Governance</b>						
4,811	(4,133)	678	Legal, Democratic & Property Services	4,697	(4,502)	195
4,863	(798)	4,065	Human Resources & Litigation	4,520	(833)	3,687
751	(508)	243	Corporate Commissioning & Procurement	699	(509)	190
<b>Corporate Resources</b>						
2,958	(1,319)	1,639	Corporate Finance	2,791	(1,256)	1,535
6,976	(3,615)	3,361	Customer & Financial Services	6,549	(3,409)	3,140
80,665	(80,665)	0	Housing Benefits	80,665	(80,665)	0
5,894	(2,577)	3,317	IT Services	5,589	(2,560)	3,029
26,201	(17,593)	8,608	Trading & Commercialisation	26,920	(19,240)	7,680
<b>Other Services</b>						
1,461	(83)	1,378	Contingency Provision	1,502	(83)	1,419
4,708	0	4,708	Capital Financing Costs	8,404	0	8,404
27,112	0	27,112	Trading & Investment Income	28,762	0	28,762
0	(2,773)	(2,773)		0	(3,186)	(3,186)
<b>Levies</b>						
11,291		11,291	North East Combined Authority	11,037		11,037
163		163	Environment Agency Levy	166		166
23		23	Port of Tyne Levy	23		23
<b>572,456</b>	<b>(369,807)</b>	<b>202,649</b>	<b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT (£1,017.34 per head)</b>	<b>574,437</b>	<b>(370,971)</b>	<b>203,466</b>
<b>LESS</b>						
		(82,813)	Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA)			(75,578)
		(18,426)	Other Grants			(20,208)
		(16,952)	Public Health			(16,516)
		<b>(2,638)</b>	<b>Collection Fund Surplus</b>			<b>(3,029)</b>
			Earmarked Reserves			(1,337)
		<b>81,820</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT (£433.99 per head)</b>			<b>86,798</b>
		£1,606.41	Band "D" Equivalent			£1,686.63
<b>REASON FOR CHANGE IN COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>						
Service pressures, Inflation and other Budget Adjustments						14,467
Savings						(13,650)
Increase in Collection Fund Surplus						(391)
Reduction in Grant and Other Income						5,889
Use of Earmarked Reverses						(1,337)
						<b>4,978</b>



## Table 2: Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

2017/2018				2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000	Service	Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
51,287	(4,367)	46,920	Fire Service	50,442	(4,231)	46,211
951	0	951	Contingency Provision	2,021	0	2,021
0	(154)	(154)	Interest on Balances	0	(135)	(135)
<b>52,238</b>	<b>(4,521)</b>	<b>47,717</b>	<b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT (£42.61 per head)</b>	<b>52,463</b>	<b>(4,366)</b>	<b>48,097</b>
			<b>LESS</b>			
0	(10,897)	(10,897)	Revenue Support Grant (£8.52 per head)	0	(9,620)	(9,620)
0	(10,688)	(10,688)	Top Up Grant	0	(11,032)	(11,032)
0	(4,020)	(4,020)	Business Rate Local Share	0	(4,001)	(4,001)
0	(211)	(211)	Business Rates Under-Indexation Grant	0	(312)	(312)
0	(385)	(385)	Council Tax Collection Fund Net (Surplus)/Deficit	0	(539)	(539)
249	0	249	Business Rates Collection Fund Net (Surplus)/Deficit	154	0	154
<b>52,487</b>	<b>(30,722)</b>	<b>21,765</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT (£20.15 per head)</b>	<b>52,617</b>	<b>(29,870)</b>	<b>22,747</b>
		£3.953m	Charge on Gateshead			£4.114m
		£77.62	Band "D" Equivalent			£79.94
		851	Manpower (est. Full Time Equivalent)			833

### REASON FOR CHANGE IN COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

Net Cost Pressures	2,740
IRMP Savings	(923)
Budget Efficiencies	(711)
Increase in use of Reserves	(693)
Increase in Section 31 Grant	(33)
Reduction in Government Funding	833
Reduction in Business Rates Local Share	19
Increase in Collection Fund Net Surplus	(250)
	<b>982</b>

## Table 3: Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria



### Message from Vera Baird QC, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria.

Your council tax bill includes an element to pay towards policing in Northumbria. For 2018/19, following public consultation, I have increased the precept by £12 to ensure the effective delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, protect your communities and the most vulnerable and maintain the provision of neighbourhood based policing services. The increase is required to maintain the level of funding expected by the Government. It will cost 23p per week for a Band D household. Most residents of Northumbria live in a Band A property and will pay £73.55 per year, which is an increase of 15p per week.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £98.33 to £110.33 for the year. This remains, by far, the lowest precept of any Police and Crime Commissioner in England and Wales. You can find out more information on the OPCC website - [www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

2017/2018			Service	2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
274,628	13,614	<u>261,014</u>	Police General	279,028	12,783	<u>266,245</u>
		261,014	Budget Requirement			<u>266,245</u>
		214,456	<b>LESS</b>			
		6,867	Formula Grant			214,456
		1,301	Council Tax Support Grant			6,867
		872	Legacy Council Tax Grants			1,301
		<u>37,518</u>	Constituent Authorities' Net Surplus			<u>899</u>
			<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>			<b><u>42,722</u></b>
		£5.008m	Charge on Gateshead			£5.678m
		£98.33	Band "D" Equivalent Charge			£110.33

### Change in Council Tax Requirement between years is attributable to:

Inflation, budget pressures and other budget adjustments	£000s	10,402
Reduction in government funding		0
Budget savings		(6,727)
Change in use of reserves		<u>1,529</u>
		<b><u>5,204</u></b>

## Table 4: Lamesley Parish Council

2017/2018			Service	2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
10.5	0	10.5	General Services	10.815	0	10.815
		<u>£8.23</u>	Band "D" Equivalent			<u>£8.92</u>

### REASON FOR CHANGE IN COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

Service pressures and Inflation	0.315
	<b><u>0.315</u></b>

## Table 5: North East Combined Authority

The Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland Combined Authority (known as the North East Combined Authority) was established on 15 April 2014 and took on the functions of the former Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority which was dissolved on the same date. In accordance with the Transport Levying Bodies (Amendment) Regulations 2015, NECA issues a levy on the Constituent Authorities to fund Transport related expenditure.

2017/2018			Service	2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
28,399	(28,315)	84	Tyne Tunnel	26,271	(26,260)	11
2,152	-	2,152	Transport co-ordination and former ITA	2,110	0	2,110
87,826	-	87,826	Nexus (Grant from ITA* & External Grants - net of commercial income)	88,379	0	88,379
15,477	-	15,477	Durham (Grant from NECA*)	15,692	0	15,692
6,217	-	6,217	Northumberland (Grant from NECA*)	6,146	0	6,146
<b>140,071</b>	<b>(28,315)</b>	<b>111,756</b>		<b>138,598</b>	<b>(26,260)</b>	<b>112,338</b>
		(83)	Contribution from Tyne Tunnel Reserves			(11)
		7	Contribution from Tyne and Wear Transport Reserves			0
		(1,610)	Contribution from Nexus Reserves			(1,934)
		<u>110,070</u>	<b>EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT</b>			<b>110,393</b>
			<b>Less:</b>			
		(63,040)	Tyne and Wear Transport Levy			(61,800)
		(15,482)	Durham Transport Levy			(15,697)
		(6,222)	Northumberland Transport Levy			(6,151)
		(25,326)	Rail Grants & Miscellaneous Grants			(26,745)
		<u>(110,070)</u>	<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>			<b>(110,393)</b>
		£11.291m	Charge on Gateshead			£11.037m

### REASON FOR CHANGE IN EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT

Inflation and other cost pressures	£000s
Increased income	(651)
Budget reductions	1,419
Movement on contribution from reserves	(186)
	(259)
	<u>323</u>

\*NECA makes an annual grant to the Tyne & Wear Integrated Transport Executive (Nexus), Durham County Council and Northumberland County Council in respect of revenue support and concessionary travel.

## Table 6: Environment Agency

2017/2018			Service	2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
7,744	(12,971)	(5,227)	Grant Aided	14,292	(19,765)	(5,473)
1,930	0	1,930	Non Grant Aided	3,332	0	(3,332)
5,558	0	5,558	Maintenance Works	5,764	0	(5,764)
0	(71)	(71)	Sundry Receipts	0	(10)	(10)
<b>15,232</b>	<b>(13,042)</b>	<b>2,190</b>		<b>23,388</b>	<b>(19,775)</b>	<b>3,613</b>
		69	Movement in Balances			(1,309)
		<u><b>2,259</b></u>	<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>			<u><b>2,304</b></u>
		£0.163m	Charge on Gateshead			£0.165m

### REASON FOR CHANGE IN COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

Change in Service Level

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